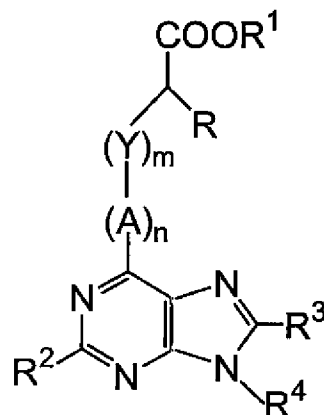


**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A (purin-6-yl)amino acid represented by formula (1):



wherein  $R^1$  is hydrogen, alkyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heteroaryl or aralkyl;  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  are hydrogen, halogen, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heteroaryl, optionally substituted amino or optionally substituted hydroxy; and  $R$  is  $-\text{NH}_2$ ,  $-\text{NHR}'$  or  $-\text{NR}'\text{R}''$ , said  $R'$  and  $R''$  are protecting group for amino group, or  $R'$  and  $R''$  form ~~benzophenoneimine~~ together with N form diphenylmethylamino,  $Y$  is alkylene having 2 to 5 carbon atoms, alkenylene or alkynylene;  $A$  is optionally substituted phenylene;  $m$  and  $n$  are 0 or 1; and  $R^4$  is hydrogen or organic group, or its salt.

2. (Currently Amended) The (purin-6-yl)amino acid according to claim 1, which is represented by formula (2):